

### British Columbia.

The by-law to purchase a site for a market at Vancouver, has been carried by 50 majority.

The Bank of British Columbia will erect a new building at Nanaimo for their branch at that place.

A. T. McNab, carriage builder, late of Winnipeg, is at Vancouver, where he talks of going into business.

Exports of coal from the province for September were 44,034 tons, valued at \$222,170, mostly for San Francisco.

Findlay & Codling, machinery agents, Vancouver, have dissolved partnership. Jas. Findlay will wind up the affairs of the firm.

W. Heathorn, wholesale shoe manufacturer, Victoria, has purchased the Bay Tannery, Victoria, from the estate of the late W. Magill.

Britton & McFarlane, bakers, Vancouver, have dissolved partnership. E. C. Britton retires, and J. F. McFarlane will continue the business.

Captain Clements, of Clements & Farron, has received the appointment of local agent and marine surveyor at Vancouver, for the Union Marine Insurance Co., of California.

Nesbitt & Dixon have opened their new cracker factory at Victoria. The factory is a most complete one, with all modern conveniences. Twenty-five barrels of flour will be used daily.

Thos. Mowat, Fishery Inspector of British Columbia, was at Ottawa last week. At his recommendation the cargo of live lobsters for the Pacific coast will not be shipped from New Brunswick until next spring.

Ah Loy, a leading Chinese merchant of Kamloops, and one who seemed an adept at learning the ways of the white man, has given a fresh proof of his advancement in civilized customs. He has lately made an assignment, for the "benefit" of his creditors. Strauss, of Victoria has the management of the estate.

The Westminster council recently discussed the charges of discrimination against the city on the part of the C. P. R. Westminster bonused the company very heavily to build into the place, though it was plainly in the interest of the company to do so without such aid. The city should therefore get fair treatment from the company. Action will be taken at a future meeting of the council.

A by-law passed by the council of Vancouver, provides that all persons selling or manufacturing opium in Vancouver shall pay a license of \$500 per annum, the same to be paid semi-annually in advance. Any person found violating this by-law is liable to a fine not exceeding \$100 or to be imprisoned for a term not exceeding six months. Druggists and chemists are exempt from the provisions of the by-law, but they cannot sell it except on a physician's certificate.

At the regular quarterly meeting of the Nanaimo co-operative society the following statement of the quarter's transactions was adopted: The total sales for the quarter amounted to \$22,346.07; net profits after allowing for interest, capital, etc., leaves a balance of \$2,306.05. Divided as follows. Members purchases, at 10 per cent., amounts to \$2,043.10.

to reserve fund, \$100; to purchase building stock, \$100; depreciation of fixtures, \$62.95. Sixty-one new members have been added during the quarter, making a total membership now of 394.

The following is a list of exports from the consular district of Victoria to the United States (principally to San Francisco) for the quarter ending September 30th last:—

Coal .....	\$490,895
Fish .....	24,464
Furs, hides and skins .....	115,526
Ice .....	257
Iron bedsteads .....	568
Japanese mdse. and curios .....	179
Liquors .....	1,046
Lumber .....	7,230
Machinery .....	137
Miscellaneous .....	5,273
Personal and household effects .....	12,991
Returned American goods .....	2,187
Rice .....	12,270
Silver ore .....	10,554
Skidgate oil .....	2,070
Treasure .....	175,963

Total .....

At a meeting of the Renfrew, Ontario, Agricultural Society Prof. Saunders delivered a very interesting address in connection with the establishment of experimental farms throughout Canada. Concerning the B. C. farm at Agassiz he said: It is situated below the coast range of mountains, and has a climate much like that of England. It is admirably adapted for fruit culture, apples, pears, plums, and cherries, growing there with a luxuriance surpassing anything we can do here. Many of these fruits are much larger than the same varieties grow anywhere in Ontario; and it is believed that in that province, although the quantity of agricultural land is limited, it will be possible to produce there a large quantity of fruits to supply the mining population of the mountains and the less favored districts in the territories.

At the last quarterly meeting of the Victoria board of trade the president, Robt. Ward, read a letter received from Sir Hector Langevin, Minister of Public Works, stating that the representations of the board to Hon. Mackenzie Bowell, during his visit to Victoria, had been duly laid before him, and promising attention thereto. A lengthy discussion took place on the existing system of granting liquor licenses. The president thought there was certainly ample scope for amending the existing system which is practically unrestricted in its character, and while it was the function of the Legislature to take this matter in hand, suggestions from this board might not be out of place. It was conceded that the matter was one for the Provincial Legislature to deal with, and, moreover, required the most careful consideration, together with many other points not brought forward. Further discussion of the subject by the board was, on motion, laid over till the next quarterly meeting, and the board then adjourned.

### Grain and Milling.

Some time ago a bonus of \$6,000 and exemption from taxation for 20 years, was offered for the erection of a roller flour mill at Treherne, Man. R. Muir & Co., of Winnipeg have accepted the offer and will establish the mill. It will have a capacity of 125 barrels.

The machinery for the new C. A. Young elevator at Deloraine, Man., has arrived, and been put into position. It will be run by steam, and includes a complete cleaning apparatus.

A couple of weeks ago we published the new grain tariff issued by the C. P. R. Co. on grain, etc., to Port Arthur. This tariff has already been superseded by another, issued last week. This tariff makes some additional reductions, which will be seen by reference to the tariff, published in another column of this number of THE COMMERCIAL.

Port Arthur Herald:—Lawrie, representing the Greys of Toronto, is here with flour in his eye. Bowerman is showing him all the water powers in the country. They will build nothing less than a 500 barrel mill. When they start the McVickers will give them a site. The town has promised \$8,000 and the water power company will either furnish them, or assist them in building a dam and race of their own.

Harry Holcomb, of Minneapolis, has gone to Canada with \$50,000 which it is alleged he made on wheat which was stolen. Holcomb was an employe of the Union Elevator company, and had a bin of his own located below the company's bin. He removed a board from one of the chutes and put another in its stead with an augur hole in it. During the loading process wheat would pour down into Holcomb's bin through the hole. When enough was obtained he loaded it into a car and sent it to market.

Northwestern Miller:—Americans who believe that Great Britain will eventually have to come to our terms for wheat and flour this year and who admire novelty in the business line, can now find a wholly new field open to them. We learn that a number of Canadian buyers have sent orders to Liverpool for American breadstuffs, which are there on a basis almost low enough to pay for transportation back. What a fine thing it would be to confront the amiable foreigner, when it finally did occur to him to lay in a stock, with a market entirely in the hands of the trans-Atlantic trade, at home as well as abroad. The only thing in the way of the plan is the uncertainty that Great Britain will come to time comfortably. Yet it is very certain that to know American buyers were clamoring within her doors for their own goods, would have a remarkably expediting effect.

Wingham, Ontario, has voted in favor of three bonus by-laws to aid furniture factories. Gilchrist, Green & Co., of the Union furniture factory, were granted \$10,000; T. Bell & Co., \$5,000; Kincaid Bros., chair factory, \$5,000. The factories have agreed to bring a large number of skilled workmen into the town, and put up suitable buildings.

The St. John, N. B. Globe says that several fishing vessels have arrived from Grand Manan with fair hauls of herring. The most of the fish were disposed of in bulk for bloaters. This is owing to the high price of salt. That commodity is scarce at present, and is selling at 65 cents a sack. The figure is said to be too high, and, consequently, fishermen are obliged to sell their fish at low rates. Last Thursday a lot was disposed of at \$1.15 per two hundred weight.